GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2385
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MOB ATTACK AT KELJHAR STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether a mob of passengers has attacked and burnt down the Keljhar railway station of Chanderpur district;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith loss of lives and properties therein;

(c) Whether any inquiry has been ordered by the Railways into the incident;

(d) If so, the details and outcome thereof;

(e) The action taken / to be taken by the Railways against the persons found guilty; and

(f) the measures taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. On 01.06.2006, one goods train passed through Kelzhar station of Nagpur division at 21.42 hours and stopped at Kilometre No.1220/7-13 between Kelzhar and Chandafort station due to engine failure. The matter was informed to Deputy Station Superintendent /Kelzhar and Section Controller/Nagpur by the train driver. In the mean time one Passenger train No.4 GC (Gondia-Chandafort Passenger) arrived at Kelzhar station at 22.15 hours. As per the advice of Section controller / Nagpur, Deputy Station Superintendent / Kelzhar attached the engine of train No.4 GC to the said goods train to clear the section. The goods train arrived at Chandafort at 23.50 hours and the train No. 4 GC remained stabled at Kelzhar station for 3 hours 35 minutes. The passengers of the stabled train got agitated, ransacked ticket counter, set the station building on fire, and destroyed signal systems, electrical equipments and also assaulted Deputy Station Superintendent / Kelzhar. No casualty has been reported. Spot enquiry was conducted by Divisional Railway Manager / Nagpur, Divisional Security Commissioner / Railway Protection Force / Nagpur, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer / Nagpur, Senior Divisional Safety Officer / Nagpur, and Divisional Commercial Manager / Nagpur who assessed the total loss of railway property which was estimated to be Rs.2 lakhs.

(e) & (f) On receipt of information, Local Police of Mulmoarora alongwith Deputy Superintendent of Police/Barhampuri and Government Railway Police Station / Itwari attended the spot and controlled the situation. On complaint of Deputy Station Superintendent / Kelzhar, a case vide crime No.09/2006 dated 02.06.2006 under section 143, 147, 149, 353, 436 Indian Penal Code (IPC), 151 Railways Act and 03 of Damage to Property Act has been registered at Government Railway Police Station / Itwari. No arrest has been made so far.

Safety seminars are being organized to improve communication skills of Railway employees especially Station Masters / Station Superintendent etc. to tackle such situation.